



Key Concepts/Features

During the 1980s, **Margaret Thatcher** led the Conservative party and the UK. This was an important time in British politics as Thatcher was Britain's first female prime minister. She oversaw a 10 week war with Argentina after they invaded the **Falkland Islands**, in 1982. Two years later, she stood up to the National Union of miners, which was led by **Arthur Scargill**, as they went on **strike** to prevent the mining industry from being shut down.

Great advances in technology happened during the 1980s, from space shuttles to computers and gaming systems. Consoles such as Nintendo and games such as Super Mario Bros, which are still popular today, were released in the 80s.

The 1980's were a decade of unique fashion, with bold and colourful clothing. This trend was also reflected in some of the famous artwork from the era - album sleeve covers designed by Peter Saville and Mark Farrow.



Live Aid was a benefit concert held on Saturday 13 July 1985, as well as an ongoing music-based fundraising initiative. The original event was organised by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure to raise funds for relief of the ongoing Ethiopian **famine**.

Key People

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|  | <p>Margaret Thatcher (1925 - 2013)</p> <p>Leader of the Conservative party and the first female prime minister of the UK. Thatcher took office from 04/05/1979 until 28/11/1990. She was given the nickname 'The Iron Lady' by a journalist because of her political style.</p> |
|  | <p>Arthur Scargill (1938-present)</p> <p>The president for the National Union of Miners. He led the union during the 1984-1985 miner's strike.</p> |
|  | <p>Bob Geldof (1951-present)</p> <p>He is an Irish singer-songwriter. He formed the charity supergroup Band Aid in 1984 to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia. He was awarded an honorary knighthood (KBE) by Elizabeth II in 1986 for his charity work in Africa and is sometimes known as Sir Bob.</p> |

Timeline

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| 1980 | Humber Bridge opens to the public. |
| 1981 | Prince Charles and Lady Diana are married. |
| 1982 | Argentina invades the Falklands. Prince William is born. |
| 1984 | Coal miners' strike . Torvill and Dean perform Bolero. |
| 1985 | The Titanic shipwreck is discovered. Holes in the ozone are reported. Live Aid concert. |
| 1986 | Space shuttle Challenger explodes on launch. |
| 1988 | Lockerbie bombing, |
| 1989 | Berlin Wall knocked down. First Simpsons episode. |

Key Vocabulary

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| democracy | A form of government where everyone has the right to a vote and have their opinions heard. |
| Falklands Islands | Islands off the coast of South America. The islands are governed by the United Kingdom. |
| famine | Widespread hunger for a long period of time. Often this is caused by bad weather or natural disasters. |
| individual liberty | As long as we don't not break the law, we have freedom and rights. |
| mutual respect | Treating others how you would want to be treated, even if they have been unkind to you. |
| strike | The stopping of work by workers to force an employer to agree to worker's demands. |
| The rule of law | Laws apply to everyone. This is equal and fair. |
| tolerance | Making space for other people's opinion, even if they are different to yours. |